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TAGS: ELAB, PHUM, CH, US
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRISON LABOR VIOLATIONS IN GUANGZHOU

REFS: (A) STATE 204153 (B) STATE 19290

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST'S AUGUST 16 EDITION
REPORTS THAT AT LEAST THREE REEDUCATION CAMPS IN AND
AROUND GUANGZHOU OPERATE ESSENTIALLY AS FACTORIES
PRODUCING GOODS FOR EXPORT, SOME OF WHICH REACH THE U.S.

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THE LENGTHY ARTICLE, WHICH WAS BASED LARGELY ON AN
INTERVIEW WITH A FORMER REEDUCATION CAMP INMATE, NAMES
THE GUANGZHOU NYLON KNITTING AND DYEING FACTORY, THE
SANSUI XIAN FARM, AND THE CHA TAU ISLAND CAMP. INMATES
WHO HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP IN LOCAL VICE CRACKDOWNS
REPORTEDLY WORK LONG HOURS PRODUCING CLOTHES, TOYS, AND
UMBRELLAS WHICH ARE THEN SHIPPED TO HONG KONG FOR FINAL
ASSEMBLY AND ON TO THE U.S.

3. OUR READING OF THE PRISON LABOR MOU (REF A) SUGGESTS
THAT GOODS PRODUCED AT THESE CAMPS ARE COVERED UNDER THE
TERM "PENAL LABOR." OUR UNDERSTANDING IS BASED ON REF B
(DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON A DRAFT TEXT) WHICH STATES THAT
THE MOU MUST COVER ALL FACILITIES, INCLUDING REEDUCATION
AND REFORM CAMPS. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, PLEASE ADVISE
WHETHER WE SHOULD SEEK TO ARRANGE VISITS TO THE THREE

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CAMPS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

4. FOR BEIJING: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER U.S. CUSTOMS
REPRESENTATIVE GORMAN WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
SUCH A VISIT. HARTER

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